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early today. They informed them that they composed a reception committee appointed to entertain Judge Johnson, a gentleman of color, in their custody. The county officers claimed that he was a prisoner charged with having attacked a white woman and had confessed. The delegation at and had confessed. The delegation demanded that he be turned over to them. The officers refused, so the delegation proceeded to "take" Johnson without the loss of a single life or gunshot. It is needless to say that the delegation proceeded to "entertain" Johnson, who, without any undue ceremony, was burned to death.

keep down a thousand times greation of its the tone of your teleport that we must begin protest by disavowal of sympathy with the crime.

You speak a good deal about the horror of the crime, We think the fair to your people at all times but I do not believe in such maudin sentiment as this, If any man, white or land the crime is horrible, but we finsist, as we believe all right-minded citizens of the United States are coming more and more to insist, that it is a greatern to your people at all times but I do not believe in such maudin sentiment as this, If any man, white or land the crime your people committed while you abuse our people for resenting the wrong which your race has done. I have tried to be fair to your people at all times but I do not believe in such maudin sentiment as this, If any man, white or and more to insist, that it is a greatern time is horrible, but we finist, as we believe all right-minded citizens of the United States are coming more and more to insist, that it is a greatern time is horrible, but we finish the crime.

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You

John R. Shillady, Secretary
National Association for Advancement of Colored People.

in the papers. In regard to the one at Milton. I was called up at mid-night and told about the crime committed by this man and had him carried to Pensacola and put in Jail there: next morning the Sheriff Jail there; next morning the Sheriff of Pensacola called me up and stated he was not safe there and I ordered him taken to Montgomery and sent down to Jacksouville for safekeeping, but Sheriff Harvell was overtaken and the man punished by death at the hands of an infuriated mob from Santa Rosa County.

You ask me to see that these lynghes are brought to trial. This chees are brought to trial. This

THE BURNING OF JUDGE JOHN- always harping on the disgrace it lieve, if we did not read your own brings to the State, by a concourse words, that you as Governor of a Castleberry, Florida, March 4, 1919. of white people taking revenge for great state find it possible to apolo-the dishonoring of a white woman, dize for burning at the state. This come the Chicago Plaindealer, March when if you would spend one half the time that you do, in giving maud- gratutious assemption that I personallin sympathy, to teaching your peo- iy "tacitly commend the crime"

irresponsible and unmarried ele-ment of tramp Negroes who bring all this disgrace on the country. Speaking of educating, you sug-

will not be able to keep the mobs down, which I have used every effort possible to do in Florida.

Yours very truly, (Signed) SIDNEY J. CATTS,

Governor of Florida. Hon. Sidney J. Catts, Gov. Tallahassee, Fla.

You ask me to see that these lynchers are brought to trial. This would be impossible to do as conditions are now in Florida, for when a Negro brute, or a white man, ravishes a white woman in the State of Florida, there is no use having the people, who see that this man if you could find who they are; the citizenship will not stand for it.

You state that the man in Madison was burned to death and that it adds to the horror of lynching and discharges not only this State but the whole United States. Your race is

officers to protect any prisoner at the hands of the mob, no matter how infuriated? The experience of Governor Stanley of Kentucky who himself protected a prisoner, and of the few other brave officers of the law, war-rants the belief that mobs which form in violation of the law will not attempt to carry out their purpose if they are met with strong resistance on the part of officers of the law who realize the meaning of their oaths and are determined that prisoners shall be tried in the courts and not by mobs on the highways.

Your assertion that the citizenship of Florida will not stand for seeing men who ravish white women tried in the courts is a serious cor tary on our laws. Burning to death crime or condone it any way. Your . . A delegation of prominent citi- ple not to kill our white officers and mitted is absolutely unwarranted. In zens called on the county officers disgrace our white women, you would early today. They informed them keep down a thousand times greating the composed a reception compos

any undue ceremony, was burned to death.

Two Letters.

A letter from Governor Sidney J. Catts of Florida and the Association's reply. On March 15th, the Association wired Governor Catts calling his attention to the lunching of two Negroes, Bud Johnson and Joe Walker, and asked that the lyncher, be brought to fustice.

John R. Shillady, Secretary

Same as I do.

Therefore, you had best, as you say you are composed of 184 branches of 48,000 people in 38 States, spend some time in teaching the wanton, reckless Negroes of your race, who wander from City to City. County to County and State to State, doing all the devilment that they can. We do not have any trouble from Negroes who are settled, own their homes, have their own property, cattle and horses, but it is the roving, transient, irresponsible and unmarried ele-

Madison until I saw an account of its the papers. In regard to the papers. In regard to the papers. In regard to the papers. relative per capita expenditures in Florida are: teaching white children, \$11.50, and for the Colored children,

\$2.64. Incidently, though it is not a point of importance, may I remark that I do not happen to be a Negro myself, as you seem to assume throughout your letter.

Sincerely yours, (Signed) JOHN R. SHILLADY, Secretary.

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Cuney, Texas, July 31.-We had a fine rain here Sunday. Hon. H. L. Price returned from Ft. Worth, where he had been attending the Masonic Grand Lodge, found his new two-story building completed and as a token of respect this Masonic bro-ther had moved his family into this ew building. Mr. Newton Ewells of Frankston

is a constant visitor at Cuney in fact this is his trading point. Rev. J. C. Brown preached at Rock Hill Sun-

day.

Rev. Gravis of Malakoff was a visitor Sunday a week ago. Mr. W. A. Hall is planning to finish his new house within the next ten days. Miss Iola Murphy has returned from her visit to friends at Tyler. Miss Lucy Thomas attended the Baptist Sun-Thomas attended the Baptist Sunday school convention at Temple, last week. Mr. H. W. Buwell, Mrs. Leroy Wilson and Rev. Thos Sims are on the sick list. Mrs. Caroline Bragg came in from Dallas last week. Mr. James Masters of Grapeland and Rev. Strong of Henderson bought lots in Cuney last week. Mr. W. C. Clark of Henderson and Mr. T. J. Sanders of Elderville were visitors in Cuney this week.

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Prof. John L. Hamilton, who has recently returned from France and recently returned from France and wife are prospecting in Cuney. They are expecting to make their future home. Mr. B. Price from Rusky Creek worshipped at Rock Hill, Sunday. Elder J. H. Kissentaner and several other persons of the Church of The Living God are holding a protracted meeting on Coleman St. The Civic League is doing some good work in improving the Civic and Santary condition of the town.

The Cuney Rusiness League is still

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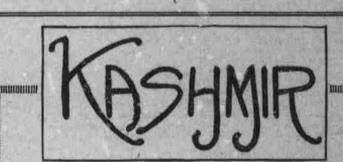
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